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FROM AF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, EAID, CM, US

SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: YAOUNDE 3916

1. IN YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO, YOU CAN SAY THAT A SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL FOR CAMEROON (ALONG WITH SIMILAR PROPOSALS FOR OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD) HAS BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION BY INTERAGENCY REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR PAST FOUR WEEKS. WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS (PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER), PROPOSALS WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO WHITE HOUSE FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH DECISION. FOLLOWING THAT, CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL IS, OF COURSE, NECESSARY. AS AHIDJO AWARE, DEMOCRATIC PROCESS CAN BE LENGTHY AND OUTCOME UNPREDICTABLE.

2. FYI ONLY - WORKING-LEVEL AND SENIOR-LEVEL SAPRC MEETINGS HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD. AS NEW PROGRAM, CAMEROON

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PROPOSAL CAME UNDER PARTICULARLY HEAVY SCRUTINY, AND

RECEPTION WAS NOT UNIFORMLY FAVORABLE. AF HAS ENDEAVORED TO STRENGTHEN ITS CASE BY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. PROPOSAL IS NOW BEFORE ACTING UNDERSECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE WHO, IN CONSULTATION WITH HIS SUPERIORS, AND TAKING WIDE RANGE OF SAPRC VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT,

WILL TRANSMIT TO WHITE HOUSE STATE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION.

3. YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE MENTION OF PARTICULAR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. RADAR PICKET SHIPS LEFT OUT OF PROPOSAL BECAUSE THEY REPORTEDLY NOT NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH FMS, BUT WE ARE STILL LOOKING INTO THIS QUESTION. IT IS PREMATURE TO MAKE DEFINITIVE STATEMENTS ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF VARIOUS ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. END FYI.

4. REGARDING TRANS CAM, YOU CAN SAY THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED COPY OF PRELIMINARY WORLD BANK REPORT ON TRANSPORT CORRIDOR AND ARE STUDYING IT WITH INTEREST. YOU CAN ASSURE AHIDJO THAT HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS STILL UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION.

5. NO OBJECTION TO WATTS DEMARCHE. KISSINGER

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